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SUBJECT: SANTIAGO TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

REFERENCE: SANTIAGO 11321 AND 10624

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED WITH AFSA/WASHINGTON THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY ISSUE AS REPORTED IN REFTELS AND BELIEVES THAT THE BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT AT POST IS EMERGING. BASICALLY, AFSA/WASHINGTON SAYS THAT AFSA/SANTIAGO MUST JUDGE WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION BUT BELIEVES THAT DISTRIBUTION OF A CLASSIFIED DIRECTORY (AS OUTLINED IN SANTIAGO 10624) IN ENOUGH COPIES TO BE AVAILABLE TO U.S. EMPLOYEES ON A REASONABLE BASIS PLUS THE "REMOVAL OF ALL PENDING THREATS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION" ARE THE TWO CONDITIONS THAT MUST
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BE SATISFIED.

2. UNDER THIS FORMULATION, THE QUESTION IS WHAT CONSTITUTES REASONABLE DISTRIBUTION? ALTHOUGH AFSA/WASHINGTON EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR A COPY TO EACH EMPLOYEE, THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THEY WOULD ACCEPT A MORE LIMITED DISTRIBUTION AS LONG AS EACH SECTION HAD ONE OR MORE COPIES

FOR THE USE OF ITS EMPLOYEES. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES
THAT THE QUESTION OF DISTRIBUTION IS ONE THAT CAN BE WORKED

OUT AT POST TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOTH SIDES AND IN THAT
CONNECTION NOTES THAT THE EMBASSY STATED IN SANTIAGO 10524
THAT IT WAS FLEXIBLE ON NUMBERS. THEREFORE, THIS ASPECT
OF THE QUESTION SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO RESOLUTION AT THE
POST.

3. AFSA/WASHINGTON AGREES WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE
SO-CALLED DEMANDS OF THE SANTIAGO CHAPTER REPORTED IN
PARA. 1 OF SANTIAGO 11321 HAVE NO PLACE IN ANY AGREEMENT
SINCE THEY WILL BECOME TOTALLY IRRELEVANT IF AGREEMENT
IS REACHED. AFSA/WASHINGTON HAS NO INTENTION OF PURSUING
A CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION WITHOUT A CASE ON WHICH TO BASE
IT. IF THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY ISSUE IS SATISFACTORILY
RESOLVED AT POST, THEY WILL HAVE NO CASE.

4. SY HAS ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION IN THE
REGULATIONS FOR GIVING SECURITY VIOLATIONS FOR THE
POSSESSION OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES WHICH WERE UNCLASSI-
FIED AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE. IT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO
USE THE THREAT OF A SECURITY VIOLATION TO ACCOMPLISH
THEIR COLLECTION.

5. THE DEPARTMENT AND AFSA/WASHINGTON BELIEVE THAT YOU
HAVE WORKED OUT THE BASIS OF AN AGREEMENT AS OUTLINED IN
YOUR 10624. GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON NUMBERS OF DIREC-
TORIE ISSUED AND AGREEING TO DISCONTINUE THE THREAT OF
SECURITY VIOLATIONS FOR FAILURE TO TURN IN THE OLD UN-
CLASSIFIED DIRECTORIES APPEAR TO BE ESSENTIAL FOR FINAL
RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE. ALSO, AFSA/SANTIAGO SHOULD
AGREE TO DROP ITS EXTRANEIOUS AND IRRELEVANT LANGUAGE
ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION. ROBINSON

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